

HOUSE RESOLUTION 70  
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leah Leppert of Germantown, Tennessee, on being selected to the 2004-2005 National Christian School Athletic Association (NCSAA) Girls' Soccer All-American team.

WHEREAS, high school soccer is a very demanding sport, and to be a successful team player one must work hard, endure considerable mental and physical pressure, and demonstrate tremendous agility and skill; and

WHEREAS, Leah Leppert of Germantown, Tennessee, is a distinguished and talented sophomore soccer player at Evangelical Christian School (ECS) who has been selected to the 2004-2005 National Christian School Athletic Association (NCSAA) Girls' Soccer All-American team; and

WHEREAS, after being named a finalist for the NCSAA Girls' Soccer All-American team, Leah was then selected to the All-American team based on her impressive season statistics and achievements, her team's competitive strength of schedule, how well her team played, recommendations from other coaches, and her amazing level of skill; and

WHEREAS, the All-American team, consisting of an eight-player first team and an eight-player second team, lists Leah Leppert as forward for the second team. Remarkably, she is the only All-American player chosen from West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since she was five-years-old, this outstanding athlete has been playing soccer and turning heads; and

WHEREAS, at eight years old, Leah began playing for the '89 Boys' Dragons soccer team as the only girl on an all-boy team because no competitive teams for girls existed for her age; and

WHEREAS, Leah previously played on the competitive teams of Purple Rain and Fury, and now plays for the '89 Lady Dragons. She also began playing for ECS's girls' soccer team last year, practically competing year-round because the ECS school team plays in the fall and her competitive team plays in the spring; and

WHEREAS, she started for ECS's team this past fall and was named to *The Commercial Appeal's* Best of the Preps All-Metro girls' soccer team during both her freshman and sophomore years. Leah led the ECS team with an impressive fifteen goals and twelve assists and was one of the top scorers in Shelby County this season; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially honor this outstanding soccer player whose athletic accomplishments are a source of pride for her school, community, and State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Leah Leppert of the Evangelical Christian School girls' soccer team on being selected to the 2004-2005 National Christian School Athletic Association (NCSAA) Girls' Soccer All-American team and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.